

BUILDING ACTIVITY IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT

Foundation Work Completed
Storage House is Being Erected for Carpenter Manufacturing Company—F. W. Frink's House Being Altered—Other Building Notes.

The under-planting and foundation work for the storage house building that is under construction for the Carpenter Manufacturing Co., is all complete. The building will be 100x200 feet of wood construction and will have a gambrel roof. The contractor doing the work is C. R. Browning.

Alterations on Alice Street House.
 Work is progressing on the alterations and repairs on the house owned by L. W. Frink on Alice street. The house recently purchased. The interior work consists chiefly of changing over from a two tenement house into a single tenement. A piazza 12x12 feet is being erected in the rear of the house. Contractor Daniel L. Browning is doing the work.

BUILDING AND BUSINESS.
Real Estate Deals Continue to Show Large Gains Over Last Year.

The clearings of the Hartford banks for the past week show an increase of 14.7 per cent as compared with the same week of last year and those of his New Haven banks for the same week show an increase of 17.2 per cent.

Sales of real estate continue to show large gains over last year. For the past week sales as shown by the number of warranty deeds filed in the cities of the states reported in The Connecticut Record numbered 338, as compared with 478 in the corresponding week of 1916, while mortgage loans for the week totaled \$1,232,025, compared with \$1,213,139 last year.

The seven new companies formed last week in this state, have total authorized capital stock of \$195,000. A year ago seven new companies were organized, having total capitalization of \$115,000.

Petitions in bankruptcy for the past week numbered four, with assets of \$1,846 and liabilities of \$7,632, a much better showing than in the like week of 1916, when eight petitions having assets of \$12,265 and total liabilities of \$30,646 were filed.

Building permits were issued last week in the cities of New Britain, Hartford, Bridgeport, Waterbury, New Britain, and Middletown.

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been awarded in all parts of the state this week.

Norwich had 17 sales of real estate last week compared with ten a year ago. Mortgage loans amounted to \$17,855 last week to \$8,800 a year ago.

In New London there were six sales of real estate last week to seven a year ago. Mortgage loans amounted to \$11,250 last week to \$11,250 a year ago.

NEW LONDON.
May Enlarge School.

Plans have been prepared for an addition which the trustees contemplate making to the Bulfinch school. It is proposed to extend the building on the east, the addition to be of stone and corresponding to the present structure. On the first floor will be a large assembly hall, 37x71 feet, with mechanical and physical laboratories in the basement with additional room for future development, and on the second floor there will be three additional classrooms.

State Street Block.
 Contracts have been awarded for the new block on State street for James T. Sexton, H. R. Douglas, Inc. will do the carpenter work and mason work, Harry J. Kennedy the plumbing and John H. Newman the steam heating. The building will be a two-story high, of brick, arranged for a store on the ground floor and offices on the upper floors.

Broad Street Building.
 Estimates are being made on the plans for a building to be erected on Broad street for Edward T. Brown. It will be of wood, two stories high, with a flat roof. On the ground floor there will be a store, with plate glass front, and on the second floor, with steam heat and all improvements.

Addition to Plant.
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street for S. Patterson. It will be arranged for two families with all improvements. H. B. Prentice has the contract for building a two-story house on Bentley avenue for the same owner.

A frame house has been started on Squire street for Caroline Zazzaro. It will be 27x27 feet, fitted up for two families, with improvements. The owner will do the work.

NOANK.
 The studio recently built on the property of the late H. W. Ringer has been moved to Rev. Albany Smith's house on the corner of Main and Elm streets. The building having reached its new location.

The big cottage at Willow Point of Dr. Williams of Plainfield, is almost completed and work on the Bosworth cottage is now going on. Another story is being added. Mr. Bosworth is also having a garage built.

Fred Viall is building a stucco garage on his property at Willow Point.

GROTON.
 Work has been started on another addition to the plant of the New London Ship & Engine Co. at Groton, to be used as a force shop. The building will be one and one-half stories high, with steel frame, which is to be furnished and erected by the Berlin Construction Co. The building will be of brick, with slag roof, Fenestra sash and ventilators. The building will be fitted up with traveling cranes, steam hammers, etc.

Plans have been made for a large addition to the factory of the Alfred L. Rudd. It will be 55x30 feet of frame construction and single roof, with concrete floor, and will be arranged for 20 cows, with bull pen, etc.

BUILDING OPERATIONS IN NEW ENGLAND.
 Statistics of building and engineering operations as being made up by the F. W. Dodge Company follow:

Contracts to May 9, 1917, \$66,645,000
 Contracts to May 9, 1916, \$65,000,000
 Contracts to May 9, 1915, \$54,600,000
 Contracts to May 9, 1914, \$58,241,000
 Contracts to May 9, 1913, \$68,400,000
 Contracts to May 9, 1912, \$67,734,000
 Contracts to May 9, 1911, \$62,287,000
 Contracts to May 9, 1910, \$63,244,000
 Contracts to May 9, 1909, \$67,000,000
 Contracts to May 9, 1908, \$72,219,000
 Contracts to May 9, 1907, \$43,944,000
 Contracts to May 9, 1906, \$43,944,000
 Contracts to May 9, 1905, \$32,382,000
 Contracts to May 9, 1904, \$28,998,000
 Contracts to May 9, 1903, \$28,998,000
 Contracts to May 9, 1902, \$44,714,000
 Contracts to May 9, 1901, \$41,777,000

quantities of high-grade caustic lime and flour sulphur on hand for this spray. There seems to be a difference of opinion as to when this application should be made. Some recommend the first application just before the blossoms appear, and others just as the first application just as the calices shed. The consensus of opinion seems to be that the first application should be made about a month later and a second about a month later and a third about a month later. The remainder can be applied in the case of the fruit which is left on the tree. If one chooses to apply all the fertilizer before planting, be sure that at least part is spread over the entire surface of the ground. The fertilizer should be applied in the form of a top dressing. Let us receive nourishment later in the season.

Produce who have already planted their gardens and are waiting for the seeds to appear, a timely suggestion would be to watch for the first crop of weeds which are water to come in the majority of cases before the shoots. A great deal of time may be saved if the ground is loosely broken up with a rake, thus destroying the little weeds which in time would cause a great deal of trouble. For those using stable manure this will be especially valuable.

RHUBARB CANNING METHOD
 Leaves Make Fine Grains—Way to Preserve Pineapple.

To can rhubarb wash it, then cut in pieces of convenient length and place in a large tub and get the potatoes in the solution for 2 to 1-2 hours. This should be done before canning. Although no damage will be done to the potatoes have already been used for seed. Some are saying that if the potatoes are not used for seed the amount of solution can be reduced proportionately. After the seed has been soaked, remove and if your ground is ready to plant, cut the potatoes so that there will be no more than three eyes in each piece. No damage is done if this number varies, but it is preferable to approximate the number stated. If your plot is small you can make a small hole with the hoe, in which one piece of potato should be dropped, this to be covered by the soil. The distance between the rows for potatoes should be 30 to 36 inches, depending on the amount of land available. The distance between each piece of potato in the row should be 12 to 18 inches.

The plant will grow regardless of whether the piece is dropped skin side up or cut side up, but a little time will be saved by dropping the skin side up since the new sprout will have a shorter distance to break through the soil. Another bit of information that may be interesting along this line is that the entire potato should be covered with soil, and the skin side of the eyes can be cut out and the starch part of the potato conserved for other purposes. For young plants to have this starch to start growth upon.

Some people are of the impression that a great deal of late, will take the place of fertilizer. This is not true. Lime is the salt that does the most good. The function of lime is to improve the chemical condition of the soil. It makes more open and sandy soils more compact. It also sweetens soils that are inclined to be sour.

Further, it helps to liberate certain forms of plant food that are held in the soil. It also makes the place of fertilizer and should be applied several days before the corn is planted. For those having garden plots on side hills care should be taken not to run the rows up and down the hill, for the water will carry away the soil as well as the seeds. Hence, the usual practice to be followed on the side of a hill is to run the rows parallel with the slope so that minia-

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Gas Plant Poorly Managed

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electric energy, the heaviest in the year. June would probably have two to three times as much as the customers drawing the 35 cent minimum.

If a 50 cent minimum had been charged the extras for December, 1916, for both gas and electric, would have been \$232.01.

In view of the foregoing, we strongly recommend that not only the existing meter charge of 25 cents per month be retained on both the gas and electric, but that the monthly minimum of 50 cents, including meter rental, be established for gas as well as for electric.

Electric Lighting Rates Low.
 The electric lighting rates at Norwich are low and we consider the base rate should be increased from 5 cents to 6 cents, the 5 cent quantity rate remaining as at present.

The electric power rates are not only low but they are also very inconsistent. In considering electric rates it should be borne in mind that the fundamental basis of establishing them is the cost of the fuel. If an electric power station must stand ready and have the generating capacity available at a moment's notice the entire instantaneous demand upon it and has no storage capacity such as gas has, there is a considerable difference in the result of this electric condition is to make long hour users of electric energy pay a higher rate than short hour users, which is the cause for giving reduced rates to power consumers, for the electric power is a commodity which is not stored.

Oil for the water gas plant was purchased at 33 cents per gallon until Jan. 1st, 1917, on which date the contract expired. Oil was then purchased at 35 cents per gallon and a year's contract has recently been signed for oil at 6-7-5 cents.

Coal Materially Advanced.
 Until November, 1916, the department purchased gas coal at \$4.25 and steam coal at \$3.95 per ton f. o. b. railroad siding at power station. Since that date the price of coal has materially advanced and the price of steam coal at the power station is now \$5.00 per ton f. o. b. railroad siding at power station.

Steam Coal.
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 Until November, 1916, the department purchased gas coal at \$4.25 and steam coal at \$3.95 per ton f. o.